

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	<u>Eric</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>Mertz</u>
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2			
(Spouse, if filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	<u>EASTERN DIST. OF PENNSYLVANIA</u>		
Case number (if known)	<u>18-12316</u>		

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 107

Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Give Details About Your Marital Status and Where You Lived Before

- What is your current marital status?
☐ Married
☒ Not married
- During the last 3 years, have you lived anywhere other than where you live now?
☒ No
☐ Yes. List all of the places you lived in the last 3 years. Do not include where you live now.
- Within the last 8 years, did you ever live with a spouse or legal equivalent in a community property state or territory?
(Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.)
☒ No
☐ Yes. Make sure you fill out *Schedule H: Your Codebtors* (Official Form 106H).

Part 2: Explain the Sources of Your Income

- Did you have any income from employment or from operating a business during this year or the two previous calendar years?
Fill in the total amount of income you received from all jobs and all businesses, including part-time activities.
If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you receive together, list it only once under Debtor 1.
☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.
- Did you receive any other income during this year or the two previous calendar years?
Include income regardless of whether that income is taxable. Examples of other income are alimony; child support; Social Security; unemployment; and other public benefit payments; pensions; rental income; interest; dividends; money collected from lawsuits; royalties; and gambling and lottery winnings. If you are in a joint case and you have income that you received together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

List each source and the gross income from each source separately. Do not include income that you listed in line 4.

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1	Debtor 2
Sources of income Describe below.	Sources of income Describe below.
Gross income from each source (before deductions and exclusions)	Gross income from each source (before deductions and exclusions)
NOTE: Debtor has engaged odd jobs over the past few years but no formal e	

From January 1 of the current year until the date you filed for bankruptcy:

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For the last calendar year: **Food Stamps** **\$2,820.00**
(January 1 to December 31, 2017)
YYYY

For the calendar year before that: **Food Stamps** **\$5,640.00**
(January 1 to December 31, 2016)
YYYY

Part 3: List Certain Payments You Made Before You Filed for Bankruptcy

6. Are either Debtor 1's or Debtor 2's debts primarily consumer debts?

☐ No. **Neither Debtor 1 nor Debtor 2 has primarily consumer debts.** *Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$6,425* or more?

☐ No. Go to line 7.

☐ Yes. List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$6,425* or more in one or more payments and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

* Subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.

☒ Yes. **Debtor 1 or Debtor 2 or both have primarily consumer debts.**

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$600 or more?

☒ No. Go to line 7.

☐ Yes. List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$600 or more and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

7. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make a payment on a debt you owed anyone who was an insider?

Insiders include your relatives; any general partners; relatives of any general partners; partnerships of which you are a general partner; corporations of which you are an officer, director, person in control, or owner of 20% or more of their voting securities; and any managing agent, including one for a business you operate as a sole proprietor. 11 U.S.C. § 101. Include payments for domestic support obligations such as child support and alimony.

☒ No

☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider.

8. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make any payments or transfer any property on account of a debt that benefited an insider?

Include payments on debts guaranteed or cosigned by an insider.

☒ No

☐ Yes. List all payments that benefited an insider.

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Part 4: Identify Legal Actions, Repossessions, and Foreclosures

9. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were you a party in any lawsuit, court action, or administrative proceeding?
List all such matters, including personal injury cases, small claims actions, divorces, collection suits, paternity actions, support or custody modifications, and contract disputes.

☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Case title	Nature of the case	Court or agency	Status of the case
PNC Bank NA v Eric M. Mertz	Mortgage Foreclosure	Berks CCP	
		Court Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending
		Number Street	<input type="checkbox"/> On appeal
Case number <u>17-18227</u>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concluded
		City State ZIP Code	

10. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property repossessed, foreclosed, garnished, attached, seized, or levied?
Check all that apply and fill in the details below.

☒ No. Go to line 11.
☐ Yes. Fill in the information below.

11. Within 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did any creditor, including a bank or financial institution, set off any amounts from your accounts or refuse to make a payment because you owed a debt?

☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

12. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property in the possession of an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a court-appointed receiver, a custodian, or another official?

☒ No
☐ Yes

Part 5: List Certain Gifts and Contributions

13. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person?

☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

14. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts or contributions with a total value of more than \$600 to any charity?

☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift or contribution.

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Part 6: List Certain Losses

15. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy or since you filed for bankruptcy, did you lose anything because of theft, fire, other disaster, or gambling?

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Describe the property you lost and how the loss occurred	Describe any insurance coverage for the loss Include the amount that insurance has paid. List pending insurance claims on line 33 of <i>Schedule A/B: Property</i> .	Date of your loss	Value of property lost
Welder, socket sets, specialty tools, ball joint press, scanner for car computer, torque wrench, speakers, amplifier, power inverter, two batteries, isolater, air conditioner, TV, THEFT	Debtor is making reports and may make an insurance claim	<u>2/2018</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>

Part 7: List Certain Payments or Transfers

16. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone you consulted about seeking bankruptcy or preparing a bankruptcy petition?

Include any attorneys, bankruptcy petition preparers, or credit counseling agencies for services required for your bankruptcy.

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
Law Office of Stephen M. Otto, LLC Person Who Was Paid 833 N Park Road, Suite 102 Number Street Wyomissing PA 19610 City State ZIP Code	<u>4/6/18</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Email or website address

Barry Mertz
 Person Who Made the Payment, if Not You

17. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone who promised to help you deal with your creditors or to make payments to your creditors?

Do not include any payment or transfer that you listed on line 16.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

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18. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you sell, trade, or otherwise transfer any property to anyone, other than property transferred in the ordinary course of your business or financial affairs?

Include both outright transfers and transfers made as security (such as granting of a security interest or mortgage on your property). Do not include gifts and transfers that you have already listed on this statement.

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

	Description and value of any property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
George Walters			
Person Who Received Transfer	2007 Chevy Impala	\$1,000	<u>2/2018</u>

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

Person's relationship to you

	Description and value of any property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Unrelated			
Person Who Received Transfer	1998 Dodge Dakota	\$3,500	<u>2017</u>

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

Person's relationship to you

	Description and value of any property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Unrelated person			
Person Who Received Transfer	1994 Grand Marquis Mercury	\$1,500	<u>6/2017</u>

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

Person's relationship to you

	Description and value of any property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Misc. Unrelated			
Person Who Received Transfer	Various tools, wrench sets, automotive tools	1500	<u>2017</u>

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Person's relationship to you

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Various unrelated individuals	Description and value of any property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Person Who Received Transfer	Music Equipment	\$1,500	2017

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Person's relationship to you

19. Within 10 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you transfer any property to a self-settled trust or similar device of which you are a beneficiary? (These are often called asset-protection devices.)

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Part 8: List Certain Financial Accounts, Instruments, Safe Deposit Boxes, and Storage Units

20. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were any financial accounts or instruments held in your name, or for your benefit, closed, sold, moved, or transferred?

Include checking, savings, money market, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in banks, credit unions, brokerage houses, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, and other financial institutions.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

21. Do you now have, or did you have within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, any safe deposit box or other depository for securities, cash, or other valuables?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

22. Have you stored property in a storage unit or place other than your home within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Part 9: Identify Property You Hold or Control for Someone Else

23. Do you hold or control any property that someone else owns? Include any property you borrowed from, are storing for, or hold in trust for someone.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

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Part 10: Give Details About Environmental Information

For the purpose of Part 10, the following definitions apply:

- **Environmental law** means any federal, state, or local statute or regulation concerning pollution, contamination, releases of hazardous or toxic substance, wastes, or material into the air, land, soil, surface water, groundwater, or other medium, including statutes or regulations controlling the cleanup of these substances, wastes, or material.
- **Site** means any location, facility, or property as defined under any environmental law, whether you now own, operate, or utilize it or used to own, operate, or utilize it, including disposal sites.
- **Hazardous material** means anything an environmental law defines as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous material, pollutant, contaminant, or similar item.

Report all notices, releases, and proceedings that you know about, regardless of when they occurred.

24. Has any governmental unit notified you that you may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an environmental law?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

25. Have you notified any governmental unit of any release of hazardous material?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

26. Have you been a party in any judicial or administrative proceeding under any environmental law? Include settlements and orders.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Part 11: Give Details About Your Business or Connections to Any Business

27. Within 4 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you own a business or have any of the following connections to any business?

- ☐ A sole proprietor or self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity, either full-time or part-time
- ☐ A member of a limited liability company (LLC) or limited liability partnership (LLP)
- ☐ A partner in a partnership
- ☐ An officer, director, or managing executive of a corporation
- ☐ An owner of at least 5% of the voting or equity securities of a corporation

- ☒ No. None of the above applies. Go to Part 12.
☐ Yes. Check all that apply above and fill in the details below for each business.

28. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give a financial statement to anyone about your business? Include all financial institutions, creditors, or other parties.

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details below.

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Part 12: Sign Below

I have read the answers on this *Statement of Financial Affairs* and any attachments, and I declare under penalty of perjury that answers are true and correct. I understand that making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

X /s/ Eric M. Mertz

Eric M. Mertz, Debtor 1

X _____

Signature of Debtor 2

Date 05/04/2018

Date _____

Did you attach additional pages to *Your Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 107)?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Name of person _____

Attach the *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119).